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17th February 2019
6th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26

**“True happiness comes from the joy of deeds well done,
the zest of creating things new”** - Antoine de Saint-Exupery



A puppy said to his old uncle dog, “From my short experience in life I have learned that the best thing for a dog is happiness and that happiness is in my tail. That is why I am chasing my tail, and when I catch it, I shall have perfect happiness.” The old dog replied, “From my research and long experience, I too, have judged that happiness is a fine thing for a dog and that happiness is in his tail. But I’ve noticed that whenever I chase it, it keeps running away from me, but when I go about my business, it comes after me.”

The human history tells heaps of stories about men and women who chased happiness as the puppy did, in the wrong places, and met with tragic ends. For example, Ivan Kruger was a Swedish multimillionaire, who amassed his vast wealth through highly dubious and immoral ways. He cheated the bankers of the United States of \$ 250 million in the 1920’s through fraudulent financial statements and forged bonds. From 1918 until his death, the living expenses of this bachelor, who maintained seven city homes, three country estates, and several yachts, averaged 8 million a year. Did he find peace and happiness? By 1932 his life had become unbearable to him. To end such an unhappy, turbulent life, he committed suicide in Harris. Poor Kruger, he died a lonely man. And not all his millions and few cronies could make him happy. What determines happiness? Owning a beautiful home, having a loving and adjusting spouse, well-behaved children, a pet, enjoying a decent job, and having enough and more money for a leisurely retired life? Where do we go in search of happiness: parties, sports, shopping malls? Are we hoping that a change of circumstance will bring us happiness: the restoration of our health, an improved financial situation, a better job or perhaps a new romance? Jesus gives us a different picture of a happy life. In the gospel for this Sunday, He tells us that we can find true and lasting happiness in ways we may never have considered. (“The beatitudes” are technically known as “macarisms” or blessings (from the Greek makarios, meaning “blessed” or “happy.” Macarisms are found in the Book of Proverbs, in the Psalms, and even in the book of Revelation. There are thirty-seven beatitudes in the New Testament, seventeen of which are sayings of Jesus. Beatitudes appear in the Old Testament as well.) -Source acknowledged.

The teaching of Jesus reverses the conventional understanding of happiness that it does not and will not depend on material things. He reminds us that ‘God’s standards are not men’s standards’. “Jesus challenges everything our me-first, consumer-oriented, market-driven, bottom-line-centered society holds dear: Humility, selflessness and compassion, not wealth and power, are the treasures of the city of God. Today’s Gospel challenges us to embrace a new vision, a new attitude in approaching life: to seek the common good before our own needs, to bring compassion and forgiveness to others despite our own anger and humiliation, to free ourselves from the pursuit of the things of this world in order to seek the lasting things of God”. He is inviting us to build a better world where there is justice, peace and love. “As St. John Chrysostom had said: “The glory of God is man fully alive.” “Man fully alive” means “holistic” development encompassing the social, political, economic, cultural and spiritual dimension of a person’s life. Our life on earth should be guided by the prescription of Jesus to achieve a true and lasting happiness.

An old man lived in the village. He was one of the most unfortunate people in the world. The whole village was tired of him, he was always gloomy, constantly complained and always was in a bad mood. The longer he lived, the more vile he was becoming and the more poisonous were his words. People avoided him, because his misfortune became contagious. It was even unnaturally and insulting to be happy next to him. He created the feeling of unhappiness in others.

But one day, when he turned eighty years old, an incredible thing happened. Instantly everyone heard the rumour: “The Old Man is happy today, he doesn’t complain about anything, smiles, and even his face has freshened up”. The whole village gathered together. The old man was asked:

—What happened to you?

– Nothing special... – he answered. – Eighty years I’ve been chasing happiness, and it was useless. And then... I decided to live without happiness and just enjoy life... That is why I am happy now.



God’s blessings,

Fr. Vince



Update

ROAD CLOSURE: 22-25 February

On Friday 22nd after school to Monday 25th morning, the builders will be marrying the new car park asphalt with the existing roadway and also repairing the driveway to the Parish House.

The first driveway will be closed.

Vehicles need to enter and exit through the 2nd driveway.

Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding!



World Day of Prayer—March 2019

SLOVENIA

'Come—Everything Is Ready'

Friday, 1st March 2019; 10am;
St Madeleine's Parish

World Day of prayer is an annual ecumenical day and this year we are hosting it.

Apart from learning about the issues the women in Slovenia are facing, it is an opportunity to meet other Christians in our area and following the directive that "all should be one". It is open to men and women and we are looking for people to participate by reading small passages and intercessory prayers. Also please bring a plate to share at a morning tea.

Contact Careyanne Moylan for details
and RSVP 0438791813.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

This year's Sacramental Programme will begin with a Parent Information Session on Tuesday, 12th March at 4:30 OR 7pm in the church for the Sacrament of Confirmation (for Year 5 and older who have already received First Communion).

For more information, check the parish website or email Sally Coppini at stmads.sacraments@gmail.com



All are invited to the
**NORTHERN DEANERY
ST PATRICK'S DAY PICNIC**
on 17th March, Sunday, at 11:30am
in the school oval!
More info in the coming weeks!!!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1471.15

2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$ 1639.60
Loose = \$ 998.90

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4745.50 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

Thank you for your generosity!



All are invited to listen in and participate:

WEDNESDAYS, 7PM at the ST JOSEPH CENTRE

TALK 6: Prayer and the History of the Church

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday,
2nd March at 4:30-5:30pm

at the St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on
96542260. Thank you.



LENT 2019

Expressions of Interest -Bus Trip



Annual Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt,
Mulgoa on Saturday 30th March,
leaving St Madeleine's Parish Church at 9am .

We will be having a prayer session at 11am and then we will be sharing a meal together afterwards and return back by 3pm the latest.

Please bring a plate to share.

If you would like to come and reserve your seat on the bus, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer by 24th February 2019.

For more information please call
Sandra Tabone on 0413272400.



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Bruno Boratto

For the dearly departed

Engracia Corpuz, Norman & Chahide Hajje,
Sheddy & Chahid Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Mary Maait,
Youssif Maait, Michele Vaccarella, Doreen Byrne,
Anthony D'Anastasi, Shaju Xavier, Giulio Ceccato, Colin Sattler,
Norma Sattler, Ross Sattler, Patrick Joseph Bradley Snr,
and Domenico Papandrea

For healing of the sick

Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, 4-mo old Florence Smith, Maria,
Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Trish Takahashi, Samuel Abella,
Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison,
Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green,
Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Marlon Sabellano Alumios,
Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss,
Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie,
Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso,
Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz,
Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe,
and Charles Vencyel



Please take note that we will have a Communion Service on Tuesday, 19th February, at 9:15am. There will be no Mass.

SHARING THE LOAD

Our parish is incredibly blest with volunteers who are passionate and committed to their service. Many of them work quietly in the background, making sure their contribution to our celebrations and ministries is of the best quality possible—by washing and ironing altar linen for decades, by playing music at Mass for the past 30 years and missing only 4 Sundays, by single-handedly preparing families to receive sacraments, by giving Communion to the elderly, sick and dying week-in-week-out, by bringing the Good News of Jesus to our state school students who would otherwise have no connection to the church, and so many other ways.

They do so with willingly and lovingly...but not tirelessly. THEY NEED YOUR HELP.

If you feel you are being called to share your time and talent—even if it's for 1 week in a year—please get in touch with any of the ministry coordinators (below) through the parish office. We would love for you to share the load and reap the blessings in return.



OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

ST MADELEINE'S PRIMARY OPEN DAY is on Thursday 7th March at 9am - 10.30am in the library. We will provide information about school life at St Madeleine's and conduct guided tours through all the learning spaces. You and your friends are most welcome!

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: 23-24 FEBRUARY

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SOCIAL JUSTICE OFFICE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING: YOU'RE INVITED

6.00 pm on Thursday March 14 2019, nine days before the next NSW election, join 2000 leaders and citizens at Sydney Town Hall to stand together for the common good. Together we will be seeking clear, concrete commitments on affordable housing, household energy and rental reform from both state and federal politicians. Parramatta Diocese Social Justice Office, Vinnies NSW Sydney Alliance and the Everybody's Home Campaign are jointly hosting the Assembly. Register now to be part of making a difference for the Common Good.. Register at <https://register.eventarc.com/41575/march-2019-assembly>

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit: parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:
Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator
Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751
Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700
Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm
(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup - Tue 9:00am
at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the
9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,
or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

THE CHURCH. ALL OF IT.

Issues of The Catholic Weekly are available in the foyer for \$2 each.

- ◇ Archdiocese ramps up anti-slavery fight
- ◇ Temporary agreement keeps Fiji's Catholic Schools open
- ◇ Santa Sabina celebrates 125 years
- ◇ Outsmarting the thought police
- ◇ Movie review: *The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part*
- ◇ Francis vindicates Regensburg

Aim unceasingly at becoming a soul of prayer.
-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

Property Maintenance Manager: Angelo Roia

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Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

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	WELCOMERS	Judith Gauci	Maria & Steve Fry	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Isaac Zambrano	Steve Fry	Phyllis Hannah	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	Gael Carpani Marian Piper
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Gael Carpani Marian Piper
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Alex	Joan & David	Merle	Jared & the Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(19 Feb) John & Betty Hourigan		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli, arr'd by Alice Garratt		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow	

23/24 FEB	WELCOMERS	Dianne Millington	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Amira & John Campo	Helen Ross
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Justin & Anne Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks	Amira Campo Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Trish Keating Anne Kyngdon	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Ann & Mark Lee	Tereza Barisic Trish Maidens
	JUN MINISTERS	Annabelle & Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike	Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Lisa J	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Pax & the Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(27 Feb) Archie & Kay Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lisa Gerrard
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli, arr'd by Mari Gregory & Maureen Meryment		ALTAR LINEN	Peg Grogan